

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,714)

PATENT

In re Application of:)	
David Baunoch, et al.)	
Serial No.: 09/212,367)	Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed : December 15, 1998)	Examiner: W. Beisner
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF)	
TISSUE SAMPLES)	

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2001

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this supplemental response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit the enclosed Declaration of Thomas G. Kennedy pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 in order to overcome the rejection of the claims in the pending office action. Applicants present the following objective evidence, as supported by the enclosed declaration, directed to long-felt need and copying of others.

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